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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, MT, CH

SUBJ: CHINESE TECHNICIANS

REF: VALLETTA 590 B. VALLETTA 567

1. GROUP OF 25 TECHNICIANS FROM PRC ARRIVED IN MALTA  
MARCH 25 TO BEGIN ASSISTING WITH CONSTRUCTION NEW SUPER DROCOCK  
AND SETTING UP DECORATIVE GLASS FACTORY. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE  
NEARLY 300 CHINESE TECHNICIANS WILL EVENTUALLY BE ASSIGNED  
TO MALTA UNDER 17 MILLION POUND STERLING LOAN AID PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY EFFORTS TO CONFIRM WITH PRC EMBASSY OFFICIALS  
NUMBER OF CHINESE TECHNICIANS LIKELY TO BE ASSIGNED TO MALTA  
UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR. MEANWHILE CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY HAS  
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BEEN GENERATED IN PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL PRESS FOLLOWING

EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF AND OPPOSITION MEMBER  
FELICE RE IMPLICATIONS INTEREST-FREE  
CHINESE LOAN. MOST WIDELY HELD CONCERN IS THAT REGARDLESS  
OF GOLD PARITY, REPAYMENT DURING PERIOD 1984-1994  
WITH MALTESE EXPORTS WILL RESULT IN RADICAL CHANGE IN PRESENT  
PATTERN MALTESE TRADE. ONE YOUNG MEMBER OF MINTOFF'S OWN  
PARTY HAS CALLED THE CHINESE LOAN AGREEMENT AN IMPERIALISTIC  
TOOL IN VIEW OF ITS LONG-TERM TRADE IMPLICATIONS.  
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